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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) JP Patent No. 2001297602;
- (2) JP Patent No. 2002314148;
- (3) JP Patent No. 2002231005;
- (4) JP Patent No. 9213114;
- (5) JP Patent No. 7294914;
- (6) JP Patent No. 10054927; and
- (7) JP Patent No. 11024587.

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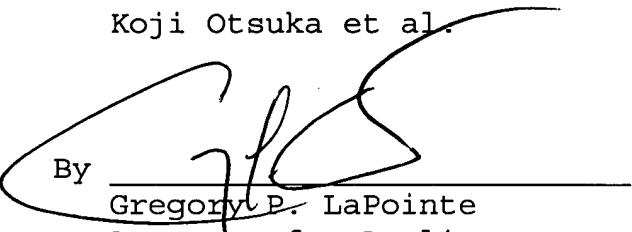
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